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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the patent application of MAX ABECASSIS

SERIAL NO.: A division of 07/832,335 filed 02/07/92.

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FOR : VARIABLE CONTENT VIDEO PROGRAM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.607

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified division application,
prior to examination on the merits, as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-42 without prejudice or disclaimer to
their underlying subject matter and add new claims 43-64 as
follows:

-- 43. (Newly added) A system for playing a selected one of at least two versions of the same video program material contained on a software carrier, said software carrier having recorded thereon a single track with three different types of interleaved video data blocks containing respectively (1) video data unique to one of said at least two versions, (2) video data unique to the other of said at least two versions, and (3) video data common to said at least two versions, with said track containing at least one data block of each of said three types, comprising means for registering which of said versions is to be played, means for selecting only the blocks containing video data unique to the version being played and blocks containing video data common to said at least two versions, and means for sequentially reading only the selected video data to form a playback signal from the video data contained in the selected blocks to the exclusion of the video data in the same track in the unique to the version which is not being played.

44. (Newly added) A system in accordance with claim 43 wherein each of said data blocks further contains an address and pointer data identifying the address of the next data block to be selected for the version being played, and further including